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Crypto Terms

Your Essential Guide to
Cryptocurrency Terms


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1. **Address** - A unique string of characters used to send and receive cryptocurrency.
 2. **Altcoin** - Any cryptocurrency other than Bitcoin.
 3. **API (Application Programming Interface)** - A set of tools and protocols for building software applications.
 4. **Arbitrage** - Buying and selling an asset in different markets to profit from price differences.
 5. **ASIC (Application-Specific Integrated Circuit)** - Specialized hardware used for mining cryptocurrencies.
 6. **ATH (All-Time High)** - The highest price ever reached by a cryptocurrency.
 7. **Bagholder** - An investor holding a cryptocurrency that has dropped significantly in value.
 8. **Bear Market** - A market characterized by falling prices.
 9. **Blockchain** - A decentralized digital ledger that records transactions across many computers.
 10. **Block Reward** - The reward given to miners for adding a new block to the blockchain.
 11. **Bounty** - A reward offered for completing certain tasks, such as finding bugs or promoting a project.
 12. **Bull Market** - A market characterized by rising prices.
 13. **Cold Wallet** - A cryptocurrency wallet that is not connected to the internet.
 14. **Confirmation** - Verification of a transaction by the network.
 15. **Consensus Algorithm** - A process used to achieve agreement on a single data value among distributed systems.
 16. **Cryptocurrency** - A digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security.
 17. **DAO (Decentralized Autonomous Organization)** - An organization governed by smart contracts and decentralized voting.

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18. **dApp (Decentralized Application)** - An application that runs on a decentralized network.
 19. **Decentralization** - The distribution of power and control away from a central authority.
 20. **Deflationary** - A type of economic behavior where the value of a currency increases over time.
 21. **DEX (Decentralized Exchange)** - A cryptocurrency exchange that operates without a central authority.
 22. **Difficulty** - A measure of how hard it is to mine a new block in a blockchain.
 23. **Digital Signature** - A cryptographic signature that verifies the authenticity of a digital message or document.
 24. **Double Spend** - An attempt to spend the same cryptocurrency more than once.
 25. **ERC-20** - A standard for creating tokens on the Ethereum blockchain.
 26. **ERC-721** - A standard for creating non-fungible tokens (NFTs) on the Ethereum blockchain.
 27. **Exchange** - A platform where cryptocurrencies can be bought, sold, and traded.
 28. **Fiat Currency** - Government-issued currency that is not backed by a physical commodity.
 29. **Fork** - A change in the blockchain protocol that creates two separate chains.
 30. **FUD (Fear, Uncertainty, Doubt)** - Negative information spread to create fear and uncertainty.
 31. **Gas** - A unit of measure for the computational work required to perform transactions on the Ethereum network.
 32. **Genesis Block** - The first block in a blockchain.
 33. **Halving** - An event that reduces the block reward by half, occurring approximately every four years in Bitcoin.

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34. **Hash** - A function that converts an input into a fixed-length string of characters.
35. **Hash Rate** - The speed at which a computer can complete an operation in the Bitcoin code.
36. **HODL** - A term used to describe holding onto a cryptocurrency rather than selling it.
37. **ICO (Initial Coin Offering)** - A fundraising method where new cryptocurrencies are sold to investors.
38. **Immutable** - Unable to be changed or altered.
39. **Inflationary** - A type of economic behavior where the value of a currency decreases over time.
40. **KYC (Know Your Customer)** - A process of verifying the identity of a customer, often used by exchanges.
41. **Ledger** - A record of financial transactions.
42. **Lightning Network** - A second-layer solution for Bitcoin scalability and faster transactions.
43. **Liquidity** - The ability to quickly buy or sell an asset without affecting its price.
44. **Market Cap** - The total value of all coins in circulation, calculated as price times supply.
45. **Merkle Tree** - A data structure used in blockchain to efficiently and securely verify data.
46. **Miner** - A participant in a blockchain network who uses computing power to solve complex problems and add new blocks.
47. **Mining** - The process of validating transactions and adding them to the blockchain.
48. **Moon** - A term used to describe a cryptocurrency that is experiencing a significant increase in value.
49. **Multi-Signature (Multi-Sig)** - A security feature that requires multiple signatures to authorize a transaction.
50. **Node** - A computer that participates in the blockchain network by maintaining a copy of the blockchain.
51. **Nonce** - A random number used in cryptographic processes to ensure unique output.
52. **Off-Chain** - Transactions or processes that occur outside the blockchain.
53. **On-Chain** - Transactions or processes that occur on the blockchain.

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54. **Oracles** - Third-party services that provide external data to smart contracts.
55. **Peer-to-peer (P2P)** - A decentralized network where participants interact directly with each other.
56. **Private Key** - A secret key used to sign transactions and access cryptocurrency funds.
57. **Proof of Work (PoW)** - A consensus algorithm that requires participants to solve complex problems to validate transactions.
58. **Proof of Stake (PoS)** - A consensus algorithm where participants validate transactions based on the number of coins they hold.
59. **Public Key** - A key that can be shared publicly and is used to receive cryptocurrency.
60. **Pump and Dump** - A scheme where the price of an asset is artificially inflated and then sold off for profit.
61. **Ripple (XRP)** - A digital payment protocol and cryptocurrency designed for fast, low-cost international transfers.
62. **Satoshi Nakamoto** - The mysterious creator of Bitcoin.
63. **Satoshi** - The smallest unit of Bitcoin, equal to 0.00000001 BTC.
64. **Scalability** - The ability of a blockchain network to handle an increasing number of transactions.
65. **Script** - A hashing algorithm used by some cryptocurrencies, including Litecoin.
66. **Seed Phrase** - A series of words used to recover a cryptocurrency wallet.
67. **SegWit (Segregated Witness)** - A Bitcoin protocol upgrade that improves scalability and transaction speed.
68. **Sharding** - A method of partitioning a blockchain network to improve scalability.
69. **Smart Contract** - A self-executing contract with the terms directly written into code.
70. **Soft Fork** - A backward-compatible upgrade to the blockchain protocol.
71. **Stablecoin** - A cryptocurrency pegged to a stable asset, such as the US dollar, to reduce price volatility.
72. **Staking** - The process of participating in a PoS system by holding coins to

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75. **Transaction Fee** - A fee paid to miners for processing and validating a transaction.
76. **Turing Complete** - A system capable of performing any computation given the correct algorithm and resources.
77. **Validator** - A participant in a PoS network responsible for validating transactions.
78. **Volatility** - The degree of variation in the price of an asset over time.
79. **Wallet** - A software or hardware device used to store and manage cryptocurrency keys.
80. **Whale** - An individual or entity that holds a large amount of cryptocurrency.
81. **Whitepaper** - A document that outlines the details and purpose of a cryptocurrency project.
82. **Yield Farming** - A practice of earning rewards by providing liquidity to a DeFi protocol.
83. **Zero-Knowledge Proof** - A cryptographic method that allows one party to prove to another that a statement is true without revealing any information.
84. **51% Attack** - An attack on a blockchain where a group controls more than 50% of the network's hashing power.
85. **Airdrop** - The distribution of free tokens to cryptocurrency holders as a marketing strategy.
86. **Atomic Swap** - A peer-to-peer exchange of cryptocurrencies without the need for a trusted third party.
87. **BIP (Bitcoin Improvement Proposal)** - A proposal for improvements or changes to the Bitcoin protocol.
88. **Burn** - The process of permanently removing coins from circulation.
89. **Centralized Exchange (CEX)** - A cryptocurrency exchange operated by a central authority.
90. **Custodial Wallet** - A wallet where the private keys are held by a third party.
91. **DAO Hack** - A notable event in 2016 where a flaw in the DAO code led to a significant loss of funds.
92. **Derivatives** - Financial contracts whose value is derived from an underlying asset, such as cryptocurrency.
93. **ERC-1155** - A standard for creating multi-token types on the Ethereum blockchain.

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94. **Faucet** - A website or application that distributes small amounts of cryptocurrency for free.
95. **Flipping** - A potential event where a cryptocurrency surpasses Bitcoin in market cap.
96. **FOMO (Fear of Missing Out)** - The fear of missing out on a profitable investment opportunity.
97. **Forking** - Creating a new version of the blockchain by splitting it into two separate chains.
98. **Genesis Block** - The first block in a blockchain.
99. **Liquidity Pool** - A pool of funds used to facilitate trading on a decentralized exchange.
100. **Rug Pull** - A scam where developers withdraw funds from a liquidity pool and abandon the project.
101. **WAGMI (We're All Gonna Make It)** - A term used in the crypto community to express optimism and confidence that everyone involved will succeed.
102. **Ape In** - To invest heavily and quickly into a new cryptocurrency or project, often without conducting thorough research.
103. **DYOR (Do Your Own Research)** - An acronym encouraging investors to conduct their own research and due diligence before making investment decisions.
104. **FUDster** - A person who spreads Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt (FUD) about a cryptocurrency or project, often to manipulate the market.
105. **Tokenomics** - The study and design of the economic systems and incentives within a cryptocurrency or blockchain project, including the creation, distribution, and management of tokens.
106. **Diamond Hands** - A term used to describe an investor who holds onto their assets regardless of market volatility, showing confidence and resilience.
107. **Paper Hands** - A term used to describe an investor who sells their assets quickly at the first sign of a market downturn, often due to fear or lack of conviction.

This quick-start guide will act as a crypto term reference throughout your cryptocurrency journey. As you dive deeper into crypto you will see many of these terms come up. Use this guide if you don't understand certain terms. You are on your way CryptoNoob!

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